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SUBJECT: CCMS: OCTOBER 22-23, 1974 PLENARY - DISPOSAL OF
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

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SUMMARY: FRG AS PILOT COUNTRY FOR HAZARDOUS WASTES PILOT
STUDY (OF WHICH US IS CO-PILOT) PRESENTED PROGRESS REPORT.
DETAILS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG DEL (BERG) ACKNOWLEDGED GROWING INTERNATIONAL CONCERN
FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL BUT NOTED THAT DESPITE
WIDESPREAD RECOGNITION OF PROBLEM, SOLUTION STILL OUT OF
RANGE. FRG'S LEADERSHIP ROLE IN CCMS WORK ON HAZARDOUS
WASTES HAS CONTRIBUTED TO RECENTLY SPONSORED AMENDMENTS
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TO ITS FEDERAL WASTE DISPOSAL LAW.

2. FRG REP (PILOT STUDY DIRECTOR WALBECK) DESCRIBED
EXPERTS MEETING OF PILOT STUDY GROUP IN MUNICH SEPTEMBER

24-26, NOTING THAT PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVES OF PILOT STUDY INCLUDE: (A) INFORMATION EXCHANGE (SUCH AS LAND DISPOSAL, TECHNOLOGY OF WASTE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC HEALTH EFFECTS); (B) CONCRETE PROJECT EFFORTS TO DEVELOP MODELS FROM TOPICS OUTLINED IN (A) ABOVE; AND (C) GAINING RECOGNITION THAT HAZARDOUS WASTES CONSTITUTE A PROBLEM REQUIRING GREATER DEFINITION WHICH, ONCE PROPERLY DELINEATED, COULD LEAD TO REGULATION.

3. FRG OUTLINED HAZARDOUS WASTE INTEREST IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (WHO, OECD), STRESSING MUNICH EXPERTS AGREEMENT THAT CCMS ONGOING ACTIVITY IN FIELD WOULD COMPLEMENT, NOT COMPETE WITH OTHER EFFORTS. AS PILOT COUNTRY FRG ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO PREPARE A HANDBOOK ON HAZARDOUS WASTES (FOR COMPLETION EARLY 1975) AND TO COMPLETE A SURVEY OF DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES BY OTHER COUNTRIES. US AND UK RESPONSE TO CCMS HAZARDOUS WASTE SURVEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED, AND OTHER FIVE CURRENT MEMBER STATES OF PILOT STUDY GROUP WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THIS SURVEY REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO NATO SECRETARIAT NEXT MONTH.

4. US DEL (TRAIN) NOTED US AGREEMENT TO LEAD HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT BELGIUM IS COMMITTED TO HEAD MINE DISPOSAL PROJECT. TRAIN STATED US WILLINGNESS TO HOST AN EXPERTS MEETING IN 1975 OR TO SUPPORT SUCH A MEETING IN CANADA AND SUGGESTED US-CANADIAN CONSULTATION TO WORK OUT DETAILS.

5. FRENCH REP (MANET) INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF FRANCE'S LEADING A FUTURE HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL PROJECT, PERHAPS ON THE "MATERIAL CYCLE" WHICH WOULD ACCORD WITH INTERESTS OF ITS QUALITY OF LIFE MINISTRY. NORWEGIAN (HJELDE) AND DANISH (BODENHAGEN) REPS EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF MUNICH EXPERTS REPORT, INDICATING POSSIBILITY OF JOINT CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECT.
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6. UK REP (FAIRCLOUGH), RESPONDING TO CALL BY TRAIN (ON BEHALF OF US AS CO-PILOT) FOR OTHER CCMS MEMBERS TO JOIN IN AS PROJECT LEADERS, EXPRESSED UK INTEREST IN HEADING LANDFILL STUDY INABILITY AS YET TO GIVE IMMEDIATE FIRM COMMITMENT.
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